VZCZCXYZ0006 OO RUEHWEB

DE RUEHAC #0099 0441438
ZNR UUUUU ZZH
O 131438Z FEB 09
FM AMEMBASSY ASUNCION
TO RHEHAAA/WHITE HOUSE WASHDC IMMEDIATE
RUEHC/SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 7606
RHEHNCS/NSC WASHDC IMMEDIATE
INFO RUCNMER/MERCOSUR COLLECTIVE PRIORITY
RHEHNCS/NSC WASHDC

UNCLAS ASUNCION 000099

SIPDIS

TO WHA/BSC MDASCHBACH, BFRIEDMAN, MDRUCKER, WHA/FO CMCMULLEN

E.O. 12958: N/A
TAGS: OPDC PREL PA
SUBJECT: LUGO MEETING REQUEST WITH PRESIDENT OBAMA

(U) Embassy received a dipnote from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs requesting a meeting with President Obama on the margins of the 5th Summit of the Americas. An unofficial translation follows:

(BEGIN TEXT:)

VMRE/DGPB/DA/No. 58/09

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Office of Bilateral Relations, presents its compliments to the Embassy of the United States in reference to the 5th Summit of the Americas that will take place April 17-19 in Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago.

In that regard, the President of the Republic of Paraguay Don Fernando Lugo Mendez has expressed interest in a bilateral meeting with the President of the United States Barack Obama on the margins of the summit.

In that regard, the efforts of the Embassy to coordinate said meeting would be greatly appreciated.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Office of Bilateral Relations, avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Embassy of the United States the assurances of its highest consideration.

Asuncion, February 3, 2009.

(END TEXT.)

Please visit us at http://www.state.sgov.gov/p/wha/asuncion

AYALDE